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Dear Mr Sachdev

**RESPONSE TO: Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations to transpose the directive on carbon capture and storage and to encourage anaerobic digestion**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above. The Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) is a membership organisation representing some 23,000 spatial planners. It exists to advance the science and art of town planning for the benefit of the public.

This response incorporates views from the RTPI's Environmental Planning and Protection Network, which includes professionals working in both the operative and regulatory sectors. This response highlights what the RTPI has said in a previous response to DEFRA for consultation on draft Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2011.

The RTPI broadly supports what is currently proposed. In particular we welcome the emphasis on "joining up" disparate permitting regimes, and seeking to iron out duplication and conflict in the system. We recognise that this programme is being undertaken with reference to Adrian Penfold's review of non-planning consent regimes, which we support. It is essential both for regulators and operators that different consenting regimes operate together in a transparent and navigable way.

If you require further assistance, or have any queries relating to the enclosed or require clarification of any points made, please contact the Planning Policy and Practice Team on 020 7929 9466 or email [england.policy@rtpi.org.uk](mailto:england.policy@rtpi.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Thomson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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